

2016 – 2017

SUFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

West Suffield, Connecticut



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THE SCHOOL

Suffield High School is a four-year comprehensive high school offering curricular and co-curricular programs to approximately 825 students in grades 9 – 12. Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and the Connecticut State Department of Education, the high school offers an extensive variety of courses to prepare students for a wide range of college and career opportunities. The high school is also the site of a regional Agriscience Center which provides a unique and exciting educational opportunity for our students, as well as students from surrounding towns.

Suffield High School takes pride in its fine record of student achievement and ambitious academic standards. Our graduates continue to be accepted at an impressive variety of competitive institutions of higher education and perform well when they get there! A state-of-the-art facility, which opened in August 2002, offers our students a first class environment in which to grow and learn.

REGIONAL AGRISCIENCE PROGRAM

Education in agriculture is provided to students from eight area towns by cooperative agreement between the Suffield School System, the cooperating school system and the State Department of Education. The Agriscience program is designed to assist in exploring career opportunities in agriscience and agribusiness. Upon graduation students may be prepared for direct job placement or be better prepared for further education. Today's high-tech agriculture includes: biogenetics, agricultural sales, forestry, aquaculture, equine management, veterinary science, business management as well as the traditional plant and animal production careers—and many more. A modern vocational agriculture facility, funded by the State of Connecticut, includes: four classrooms, a three section greenhouse, a plant laboratory, an animal laboratory and grooming facility, an aquatics laboratory, an agricultural mechanics shop, a food science facility, a leadership training room, and a brand-new large animal facility. A 75 acre forest and nature land laboratory is nearby. A twenty six passenger bus provides transportation to area agricultural businesses and farms for "hands-on" agricultural experience.

This program is designed to serve the agricultural educational needs of students in grades 9 – 12 from the towns of Suffield, Enfield, Windsor Locks, Granby, East Granby, Simsbury, Avon, Canton, and Hartford.

THE STAFF

Suffield High School is staffed by a dedicated and caring faculty, administration, and cadre of support services personnel. The school employs 74 faculty members, 4 school counselors, 2 school psychologists, a media specialist, a school nurse, 14 educational assistants, a principal and 2 assistant principals. Faculty members have been recognized among their peers with achievements such as the district's "Teacher of the Year Award."

THE COMMUNITY

The town of Suffield covers an area of 43.1 square miles and is located within commuting distance of Hartford, CT to the south and Springfield, MA to the north. Suffield is a picturesque town with an historic main street leading to diverse residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural areas. With a population of 13,000, composed largely of professional and junior executive families, Suffield is a most desirable place to live and raise a family.

Core Values & Beliefs About Learning

As a collective learning community, Suffield High School values opportunities to strengthen and develop: **Responsibility, Respect, Creativity, Integrity and Rigor**

The Suffield High School community believes that the potential for student learning is maximized when:

- all members of the community feel safe —
- good character and integrity are promoted —
- creativity and innovation are encouraged —
- effective communication skills are developed —
- collaboration opportunities consistently occur —
- the ability to think critically in order to solve problems is fostered —
- a rich rigorous academic program is provided —
- learning opportunities are active and engaging —
- 21st century skills are taught across the disciplines to help students succeed —
- technology is used appropriately and effectively —

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Biology	Microeconomics
Calculus AB	Physics 1
Calculus BC	Psychology
Chemistry	Spanish Language
Computer Science	Spanish Literature
English Language	Statistics
English Literature	U.S. Govt. & Politics
French Language	U.S. History
Macroeconomics	

AP EXAM PARTICIPATION 2016

Number of Students	170
Total Grades Reported	348
Number of Subjects	16

All students enrolled in any AP course at SHS are required to take the AP exam for that course.

AP SCORES: MAY 2016

Of the 170 students who sat for 348 Advanced Placement Examinations, 89% scored a 3 or better.

Test	5	4	3	2	1	3 or Better %
Biology	0	6	23	8	1	76
Calculus AB	1	6	6	1	2	81
Calculus BC	2	3	1	0	0	100
Chemistry	2	1	1	1	1	67
English Language	12	14	32	6	0	91
English Literature	5	9	6	2	0	91
French Language	0	2	6	5	0	62
Macroeconomics	9	10	9	2	0	93
Microeconomics	8	11	5	2	0	92
Physics C M	1	0	0	0	0	100
Physics C EM	0	1	0	0	0	100
Psychology	23	19	9	1	0	98
Spanish Language	2	6	7	0	0	100
Statistics	0	6	11	10	5	53
U.S. Govt. & Pol	6	4	5	1	0	94
U.S. History	3	1	4	1	1	80

2017 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4.0	credits
Math	4.0	credits
Science	3.0	credits
Social Studies	3.0	credits
World Language	1.0	credits
Physical Education	1.0	credits
Life Education	.5	credit
Applied Arts	.5	credit
Fine Arts	.5	credit
Personal Finance	.5	credit
Additional Electives	6.0	credits
TOTAL CREDITS	24.0	

LEVELS OF ACHIEVEMENT

Students may elect and/or be recommended to various levels of courses within the curriculum. Advanced Placement courses are offered in American History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, French Language, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, and Statistics. Honors courses, designated on the transcript with an (H), are extremely challenging and selective. They are designed to meet the requirements of the traditional college bound population and provide enrichment opportunities. Honors level courses are offered in English, Mathematics, Science, Foreign Language, Social Studies and Vocational Agriculture. Academic level courses designated with an (A) on the transcript provide a good foundation for a college curriculum and are considered college preparatory. Academic courses may also meet the needs of those students entering the world of work directly after high school.

Lab science courses are offered at the Academic and Honors level in Integrated Science, Biology I, Agri-Biology, Chemistry and Physics and at the Advanced Placement level in Biology and Chemistry.

Students can also take advantage of college level courses offered on college campuses, such as Asnuntuck Community College and the University of Hartford.

STUDENT BODY

Enrollment as of September 1, 2016	
Class of 2017	184
Class of 2018	204
Class of 2019	224
Class of 2020	195
Total:	807

SCHEDULE

A modified block schedule offers instruction for approximately 250 minutes in each full credit course per week. Successful completion of a full year course will yield 1.0 credit toward the student's graduation.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- A College/Career Pathways Program is offered in conjunction with Asnuntuck Community College which allows students to take selected courses for college credit.
- A regional Agriscience Center serves students from several surrounding towns.
- A comprehensive Special Education program providing appropriate educational and/or related services to students with special needs.
- Unified Sports and Theater Programs

DECILE RANGE: QPA/CLASS RANK

Class of 2017	
Decile	QPA Range
1st	6.394 – 5.803
2nd	5.774 – 5.415
3rd	5.406 – 5.037
4th	5.028 – 4.773
5th	4.760 – 4.286
6th	4.283 – 4.100
7th	4.085 – 3.688
8th	3.675 – 3.423
9th	3.347 – 2.963
10th	2.839 – 1.904

CLASS RANK

The Quality Point Average (QPA) determines a student's class rank. Each grade for each course is averaged at the end of the student's junior year and again at the end of the first semester of the senior year. Most courses given credit and letter grades are included, as recommended by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Music, CWE, SAE, PE, Literacy, Numeracy, Social Skills, Human Relations, courses taken at the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts and grades earned through homeschooling are all not included in class rank.

	Numerical Equivalent	AP	Honors	Academic
A+	100-97	7.3	6.3	5.3
A	96-93	7.0	6.0	5.0
A-	92-90	6.7	5.7	4.7
B+	89-87	6.3	5.3	4.3
B	86-83	6.0	5.0	4.0
B-	82-80	5.7	4.7	3.7
C+	79-77	5.3	4.3	3.3
C	76-73	5.0	4.0	3.0
C-	72-70	4.7	3.7	2.7
D+	69-67	4.3	3.3	2.3
D	66-63	4.0	3.0	2.0
D-	62-60	3.7	2.7	1.7
F	59 and below	0	0	0

SAT SCORES

Class of:	'16	'15	'14	'13	'12
# in graduating class	194	204	206	209	195
# taking SAT	168	167	175	171	154
mean scores: Reading	536	529	544	528	526
mean scores: Math	554	539	553	547	553
mean scores: Writing	529	524	542	531	530

Class of:	2017*	2016	2015	2014
Top 10% of class R/M/W	660/690	647/681/662	638/649/632	674/691/683
Top 25% of class R/M/W	640/650	609/643/615	605/617/600	636/648/644
Top 50% of class R/M/W	610/610	572/599/571	579/594/574	591/608/599

* Junior scores only! Increase anticipated after senior test date. Reading and Math scores only due to SAT testing changes.

FUTURE PLANS

Class of:	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
% attending 4 year college	70	69	74	66	64
% attending 2 year college	19	23	19	23	24
% attending voc. school/post-graduate year	2	2	1	5	4
% continuing education	91	94	94	94	92

The following list represents the colleges and universities to which Suffield High School graduates have been offered admission in the last two years:

University of Alabama	Emory University	Mercy College	Salve Regina University
American International College	Endicott College	Merrimack College	School of the Art Institute of Chicago
American University	Fairfield University	University of Miami	The University of Scranton
Anna Maria College	Fitchburg State University	Michigan State University	Seton Hall University
Arcadia University	Flagler College	University of Missouri Columbia	Siena College
University of Arizona	Florida Atlantic University	Mitchell College	Simmons College
Arizona State University	Florida Gulf Coast University	Molloy College	Skidmore College
Asnuntuck Community College	Florida Institute of Technology	Monmouth University	University of Southern California
Assumption College	Florida International University	Montana State University	Southern CT State University
College of the Atlantic	Florida Southern College	Monterey Peninsula College	University of Southern Maine
Auburn University	Florida State University	Mount Holyoke College	Southern New Hampshire University
Austin Community College	University of Florida	College of Mount Saint Vincent	Southern Vermont College
Babson College	Fordham University	New England College	Southern Virginia University
Bard College	Framingham State University	University of New England	Spartan College of Aeronautics & Technology
Barry University	Franciscan University of Steubenville	New England Institute of Technology	Springfield College
Bates College	Franklin Pierce University	University of New Hampshire	STCC
Bay Path University	Full Sail University	University of New Haven	St. John's University, Queens Campus
Bay State College	George Mason University	New York University	St. Lawrence University
Becker College	George Washington University	New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts	St. Thomas University
Belmont University	University of Georgia	New York Film Academy	State University of New York at Albany
Bentley University	Georgia Institute of Technology	New York Institute of Technology	Stevens Institute of Technology
Berklee College of Music	Goodwin College	Newbury College	Stonehill College
Bethany College	Gordon College	Nichols College	Stony Brook University
Binghamton University	Grove City College	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Suffolk University
Boston College	University of Hartford	University of North Texas	SUNY Cobleskill
Boston University	Hartwick College	Northeastern University	SUNY College of Environ. Science & Forestry
Bradley University	Hawaii Pacific University	Northern Kentucky University	SUNY College at Potsdam
Brandeis University	High Point University	Nova Southeastern University	SUNY Oswego
University of British Columbia	Hofstra University	Oklahoma State University	Susquehanna University
Bryant University	College of the Holy Cross	University of Oregon	Syracuse University
Bucknell University	Holyoke Community College	Pace University	University of Tampa
University of California, LA	Hood College	Palm Beach State College	Temple University
Capital Community College	Houghton College	Paul Smith's College	University of Texas, Austin
Case Western Reserve University	Husson University	Pennsylvania State University	The New School
Castleton University	University of Illinois, Chicago	Philadelphia University	The Ohio State University
Central CT State University	Iona College	University of Pittsburgh	Trinity College
Champlain College	Iowa State University	Pratt Institute	Tufts University
College of Charleston	Ithaca College	Princeton University	Tulane University
Christopher Newport University	James Madison University	Providence College	Tulane University
Clarion University of PA	Johnson & Wales University	Quinnipiac University	Union College
Clark University	University of Kansas	Regent's University, London	Unity College
Clarkson University	Keene State College	Regis College	Vassar College
Clemson University	Lafayette College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Vermont
Coastal Carolina University	Lasell College	Rhode Island College	Villanova University
Colgate University	Lehigh University	University of Rhode Island	Virginia Commonwealth University
College of Creative Studies	Lincoln Technical Institute	Richmond International College London	Virginia Tech
University of Colorado at Boulder	Long Island University, Brooklyn	Rider University	Washington College
Colorado State University	Louisiana State University	Rivier University	Waynesburg University
Connecticut College	Loyola University Maryland	Robert Morris University	Wells College
University of Connecticut	Lynn University	Roberts Wesleyan College	Wesley College
Converse College	University of Maine	Rochester Institute of Technology	Wesleyan University
Curry College	Maine College of Art	University of Rochester	University of West Florida
Dean College	Manchester Community College	Roger Williams University	West Virginia University
Delaware Valley University	Manhattan College	Rollins College	Western CT State University
University of Denver	Marist College	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	Western New England University
DePaul University	University of Mary Washington	Russell Sage College	Westfield State University
DeSales University	University of Maryland	Rutgers University	Westminster College
Dowling College	Marywood University	Sacred Heart University	Widener University
Drexel University	MA College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences	Saint Anselm College	William Paterson University of NJ
East Carolina University	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	University of Saint Joseph	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Eastern CT State University	University of Massachusetts Amherst	Saint Leo University	Worcester State University
Eckerd College	University of Massachusetts Boston	Saint Michael's College	Xavier University of Louisiana
Elms College	University of Massachusetts Dartmouth	Salem State University	Yale University
Elon University	University of Massachusetts Lowell	Salisbury University	
Emerson College	Massey University		
Emmanuel College			